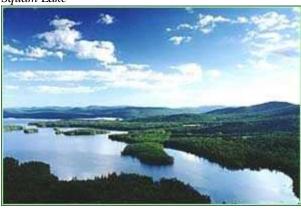
Squam Lake



## CHANGES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SHORELAND PROTECTION ACT

Effective July 1, 2008

All lakefront and river corridor communities are affected by new changes to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) RSA 483-B. These changes are effective July 1, 2008.

The changes will be presented by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) at a special outreach session on Wednesday, <u>August 6, 2008</u>, 6:30-8:30PM, at the Squam Lakes Association on Rte. 3 in Holderness.

Key changes to CSPA include:

- A state permit will be required for development taking place within 250' of surface water (rivers, lakes, ponds)
- Changes the way "buffers" will be managed (introduces point system)
- Provides for flexible management in the critical area of "impervious surfaces"
- A change in the way that rivers are classified will add 1,391 stream miles to CSPA. This represents 14% of NH river miles
- A 50' primary building setback now applies to all primary structures
- The Pemigewasset and Saco rivers are now protected by CSPA

The presentation will be made by **Arlene Allen**, Shoreland Protection Outreach Coordinator, NH DES Wetlands Bureau.

It is very important that waterfront owners and key officials in each town attend this meeting and become informed on how the new law and rules will be implemented.

As a courtesy please let us know if you will be attending the meeting by contacting Priscilla Bartholomew either via phone at Squam Lakes Association @ 968-7336 or e-mail at info@squamlakes.org. If you have additional questions, please call:

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